

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified U.S. application as follows:

In The Specification

Please amend the portions of the specification as indicated by the following marked up versions thereof:

Please insert the paragraph on page 1, line 2, immediately preceding the words "FIELD OF THE INVENTION":

--This application claims priority to PCT/EP2003/007241 entitled Device For Discharging Molten Metal From A Container, filed on 07 July 2003, which claims priority to Italian Patent Application No.MI2002A001507, filed on 10 July 2002.--